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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Daniel Troglin

Senior Airman Jonathan Kee, 79th Rescue Squadron, sits on the ramp of an HC-130P during a combat helicopter air refueling mission with a Marine CH-53 helicopter over Northern Afghanistan.

'Desert Knights' save lives, excel while deployed

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

For Airmen in the 79th Rescue Squadron, the 'Desert Knights' is not just a logo, it is who they are.

While deployed to Afghanistan from June through January, these HC-130 Airmen proved they are the 'Desert Knights' by executing 40 combat alert launches and 235 combat sorties helping save more than 100 lives.

"I am so proud of this bunch my eyes get glassy just thinking of their dedication and sacrifice to making a difference," said Lt. Col. Craig Knierim, 79th RQS commander, who deployed with the squadron. "Many American lives have been saved and Afghan families (have been) affected by the awesome work the rescue men and women are doing. They are what make our nation the best in the world."

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ACC names D-M sergeant best contingency CONS officer

By Senior Airman Brandy
Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

A technical sergeant contingency contracting officer and contract administrator from Davis-Monthan won the Air Combat Command CCO of the year, proving he was ready to deploy when called.

"I found out a couple of weeks ago when the 355th Mission Support Group commander, Col. Cesar Rodriguez, surprised me by coming to the squadron to tell me," said Tech. Sgt. Doug Kimmel, Jr. "My initial re-

action was, 'Wow!' I never received any special recognition of this magnitude before, so it was very nice to be acknowledged for the hard work and long hours I put in over in Iraq."

According to his award package, Sergeant Kimmel provided phenomenal contingency contracting support in 2004, deploying for 88 days in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His support to the Coalition Provisional Authority, Republican Presidential Compound, Baghdad, Iraq provided direct support to over 100,000 Multi-National security transition joint forces.

"In a contingent environment I think everybody goes above and beyond what they would in a stable environment," Sergeant Kimmel said. "You work long hours, make the best decisions you can and put out the best product in the least amount of time."

According to his award package, his ceaseless efforts resulted in the award of critical warfighting equipment to include 35,000 vehicles, 13,000 weapons, 350,000 rounds of ammunition, funding for judicial prosecutors and defense attorneys totaling \$450 million, just to name a few of his efforts during his deployment.

"We are stewards of the taxpayer dollars and there are rules set up that we must follow when spending those funds," Sergeant Kimmel said. "We do everything from plan, coordinate, research, write, administer and follow-up on every contract."

According to his award package, his outstanding professional contracting skills were crucial in filling over \$3.4 million of time sensitive mission critical medical and dental assets after looters had decimated Baghdad's Al Karkh Hospital.

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The January Davis-Monthan Air Force Base time line in hours as of Jan. 31

Squadron	Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Squadron	Aircraft	Goal	Flown
41st ECS	EC-130	206.6	100.1	162nd OBS	Various	171.0	320.5
43rd ECS	EC-130	205.0	196.0	354th FS	A-10	909.1	993.0
55th RQS	HH-60	196.9	225.5	357th FS	A-10	726.0	686.9
79th RQS	HC-130	137.0	163.2	358th FS	A-10	724.0	714.4

UDTF Super Bowl party

The Underage Drinking Task Force will host a free Super Bowl party at the D-M Community Center Saturday. The festivities will kick off at noon and the party will start at 4 p.m. Prizes will be given away throughout the game. For more information call 228-3717.

Reckless driving at Craycroft and Wilmot gates

Question: I have had several dangerous experiences recently entering either the Craycroft Road Gate or the Wilmot Road Gate in the mornings.

At the Craycroft Gate, there are drivers making the right-hand turn from the eastbound Golf Links lanes from the lane next to the right-turn lane. At Wilmot Gate, there are drivers driving down the center median of Wilmot, driving the wrong way around the median and slipping into the left entrance lane. I have told security forces about the incidents when I have seen them. What are security forces doing about this dangerous driving?

Response: I share your concern for the safety of our Airmen as they enter and exit the installation. Security Forces has notified the Tucson Police Department of the situation and requested their assistance controlling this difficult traffic area.

This is a problem all Desert Lightning team members must help resolve. We closed the Swan Gate to resolve the base access. This has forced more traffic to the Craycroft and Wilmot gates. But, the congestion at the other gates is no excuse for dangerous driving. I have extra

guards on duty during the peak hours at each gate to ensure traffic flows as smoothly as possible. I need all drivers to make the turn from the correct turn lane (double right turns from Golf Links onto Craycroft are not allowed). In addition, all drivers should not enter the intersection until they are certain they can get across the entire intersection and not block the road. This is just common sense. Unfortunately, one Airman recently failed to heed this requirement—and was hit by a car from the opposite direction. Do not put your safety and the safety of others at risk by being impatient.

People talking on cell phones while driving

Concern: I am concerned about drivers on base who are talking on their cell phones and not paying attention to their driving. What is being done about these drivers?

Response: Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to respond to your observation.

I am currently drafting a policy on this issue. However, there is no formal guidance prohibiting using cell phones while driving on the installation.

This is a problem on all Air Force



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, congratulates Airmen from Davis-Monthan who received 100 percent on their physical fitness exams during 2004. The Air Force fitness test includes a 1.5-mile timed run, a body composition test and a muscular-fitness test of push-ups and crunches.

bases. Folks should remember that talking on a cell phone while driving adds risk to what they are doing. If you must talk on the phone while driving, it's prudent to adopt a habit of using a hands-free system now or pull into a parking lot and stop—it's the smart and safe way to drive.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWing.CommandersCorner

@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. We honor caller confidentiality.

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Family Support.....	228-5690
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Housing Office.....	228-3687
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Training year round

Personnel from the 127th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., perform function checks on an F-16C. The Selfridge ANG is at Davis-Monthan for training operations. Aircraft from all over the country and from allied nations train at D-M through the 162nd Fighter Wing.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

CRIME & Punishment

Legal tip of the week:

The Area Defense Counsel does not report to the 355th Wing, 12th Air Force or Air Combat Command chain of command. For more information about the ADC, contact Capt. Roger Picker or Tech. Sgt. Rick Lopez at 228-5664.

Article 15s from Jan. 18 through 28

◆ A senior airman from the 355th Security Forces Squadron received a reduction to airman first class, a suspended reduction to airman and a reprimand for **assisting an underage military member with drinking an alcoholic beverage, for providing underage military members with alcohol and for making a false official statement.** These were violations of Article 92 and 107 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ A senior airman from the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman first class, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for **failure to report to duty on time.** This was a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty for **underage drink-**

ing. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ A staff sergeant from the 355th SFS received a reduction to senior airman, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for **indulging in alcoholic beverages with underage military members.** This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ A technical sergeant from the 355th SFS received a reduction to staff sergeant, 20 days extra duty and a reprimand for **allowing underage military members to drink alcohol at a party.** This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ A technical sergeant from the 355th SFS received a reduction to staff sergeant, 20 days extra duty and a reprimand for **condoning underage military members who were indulging in alcoholic beverages.** This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

(Editors note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Judge Advocate's Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, which include: the offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at
850-2233

Friday through Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.
and Sunday from 4 p.m. to midnight for a ride.



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Command Post.....228-7400
355th Security Forces Crime Stop.....228-4444
Safety.....228-5558
(After duty hours).....909-0316

News Notes

AFOSI seeks new agents

The Air Force office of special investigation will conduct a recruitment briefing Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the community center. For more information, call the D-M OSI detachment at 228-5168.

Pass and registration closure

The pass and registration office will be closed today for office upgrades. The Craycroft Visitors' Center will be fully manned to accommodate pass and decal needs.

MSS closure

The 355th Mission Support Squadron will close for training today at 11:30 a.m. The customer service area will remain open to issue identification cards and more.

Power outage

The 355th Civil Engineer Squadron will be performing maintenance and repairs Monday in the Palo Verde housing area. Power will be out for all houses on Sijan Court and Young Court from approximately 8 to 11 a.m.

Ground Floor

The Ground Floor located in Building 3500 is hosting a variety of activities Monday and Wednesday 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday 6 to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 7 to 11 p.m. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Randy Croft at 228-6213 or 228-5411.

ASIST training

An applied suicide intervention skills training class will be offered Feb. 16 through 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Space is limited. To make a reservation, call Senior Airman Jennifer Coburn at 228-5411.

MPOY banquet

The 355th Maintenance Group will host the 2004 Maintenance Professional of the Year Awards Banquet Feb. 26 at the Pima Air and Space Museum at 6 p.m. Retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez will be the guest speaker. Tickets are available through group chiefs. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kevin Biggs at 228-0689.

Commander's access channel

The commander's access channel will move from Cox channel 74 to 22 on March 28.

Terrorism history

During the morning of Feb. 7, 1991, three mortar rounds were fired at the residence of British Prime Minister John Major. The rounds were fired from a van parked nearby and caused minimal damage. The Provisional Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for the attack.

'The Niagara Movement'

D-M pays tribute to black heritage throughout February

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing public affairs

The Black Heritage Association will host numerous events across the base throughout February designed to educate the Desert Lightning Community during black history month.

"I believe the ultimate goal of black history month involves honoring all people who were leaders and participants in the struggle for equal rights and opportunities," said Tech. Sgt. Robin Hawkins, BHA chairperson. "Acknowledgment of these events and people will allow us and our nation to heal, to grow and to move forward with a positive momentum."

The theme of the 2005 black history month is "The Niagara Movement," which symbolizes an action-defining movement, Sergeant Hawkins said.

In 1905, W.E.B. Du Bois, John Hope, Monroe Trotter and 27 others met secretly in the home of Mary Talbert to adopt resolutions which led to the founding of the Niagara Movement, said Staff Sgt. Tracey Murray, BHA member. In addition, during the summer of 1905, 29 prominent blacks met secretly at Niagara Falls, Ontario and drew up a manifesto calling for full civil liberties, abolition of racial discrimination and recognition of human brotherhood.

To Tech. Sgt. Robin Boyd, BHA co-chairperson, this theme represents the growth and flight for equality of blacks and other minorities in the United States.

"I feel it's important to honor all heritages," Sergeant Boyd said. "But, being an African American I feel there is a lot in our history and culture many know nothing about. Black history month is about educating and enhancing cross-culture awareness among all military members, their families and the civilian workforce."

To enhance awareness, the BHA will host activities which encompass three areas.

The first area provides knowledge through ex-



Coretta Scott King carried on her husband's, Martin Luther King Jr., work after his assassination in 1968. Four days after his death, she led a march of 50,000 people. She has strived to fulfill her husband's dream of an America in which all people have equal rights.

amining black history, food and culture, Sergeant Hawkins said. The second area provides a sense of identity to the D-M African-American community by allowing time to reflect and take pride in the accomplishments of ancestors. And the final area enhances camaraderie in the D-M community; focusing on similarities instead of differences

by providing fun activities for everyone to enjoy.

Black history month festivities will kick off at D-M Monday with a BHA luncheon at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Feb. 7 through 11 "Love of Reading" events will be held at Lowell-Smith Elementary School and the base child development centers.

The event allows BHA members to take time out to educate and mentor the children on base, Sergeant Boyd said. In addition, it helps to set an example and lets them know reading is a very important part of learning.

Feb. 13 a gospel jubilee themed "We Come this Far by Faith" will take place in the base theater at 3 p.m. This event will include skits, dance, mass choirs, quartets, duets, solos and more.

"In an effort to present African-American history, we will use various combined choirs as appropriate for the style and period of our history," said Chaplain (Capt.) Eddie Jones, 355th Wing Chapel. "Our goal is to present our Airmen and the D-M community with a high quality and uplifting experience. We are excited about this vision and are working hard to make this a valuable and enriching experience."

Feb. 18 an ethnic food tasting event called "Taste and Tones" will be held at the Hope Chapel from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is free.

Feb. 26 a BHA Family Reunion Picnic will take place at the sports and fitness center's track and field from noon to 4 p.m.

The family reunion picnic is a free social event provided by the BHA through fund-raisers conducted throughout the year, Sergeant Boyd said. "The BHA invites all to come out with their families to join us."

In addition to the scheduled events, the BHA will hold officer elections in March.

For information about black history month, contact Sergeant Hawkins at 228-2688 or Sergeant Boyd at 228-5620.

African-Americans who have made a lasting impact on military history

The following individuals are a few of the African-American's who have contributed to U.S. military history:

◆ In 1877, Henry Flipper, a former slave, was the first African-American to graduate from West Point.

◆ In January 1878, 2nd Lt. Flipper was assigned to the 10th Cavalry Regiment, "The Buffalo Soldiers."

◆ May 23, 1900 Sergeant William Carney became the first African-American to be awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor for actions during a battle at Fort Wagner, S.C. During the battle Sergeant Carney rescued the flag and carried it after the original bearer was wounded.

◆ In 1916, Garret Morgan, an African-American scientist from Cleveland, Ohio, invented the gas mask which was used in World War I.

◆ May 19, 1917, the War Department authorized a reserve officer's training camp for black men. The camp was established at Fort Des Moines, Iowa (Camp Dodge) and on June 15, 1917,

the candidates began their training.

◆ In 1922, Bessie Coleman received her pilot's license from the Federation Aeronautique Internationale in France, to become the first black woman pilot.

(Information courtesy of Staff Sgt. Tracey Murray, Black Heritage Association)

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"It is satisfying to know you gave your all and others realize the hard work you put forth. I also know for a fact there are many other hard-charging NCOs in the contracting career field

who are just as deserving of this recognition."

"I crossed-trained into contracting five years ago," Sergeant Kimmel said. "I was like an infant. You know when your brain is just mush and everything is new. I guess now you could say I'm a teenager as you will never learn everything in this career field, but you sure learn something new each and every day."

Though the end results of Sergeant Kimmel's package at Air Force level are unknown, he remains happy with the recognition he has already received.

"The ACC recognition was icing on the cake to an Air Force career that I truly have loved, so if I were to receive CCO of the year for the Air Force, in short, I would be one happy camper," Sergeant Kimmel said.

Deadline approaching for two local scholarships

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Time remaining to apply for the Defense Commissary Scholarships for Military Children and the D-M Officers' and Enlisted Spouses' Association Scholarships is coming to an end.

Applications for the \$1,500 Scholarships for Military Children program must be turned into the D-M commissary by close of business Feb. 16.

The D-M Officers' and Enlisted Spouses Association scholarship applications must be mailed with a postmark no later than Feb. 28 to be eligible.

Each installation commissary will award at least one Scholarship for Military Children. Applications for this scholarship are available at the commissary customer service office and online at www.militaryscholars.org.

According to a DeCa news release, this scholarship program is open to unmarried dependent children under the age of 21 or 23 if they are currently enrolled in school. One of the applicant's parents must be active duty, including Coast Guard, Guard and Reserve or must be retired military. Eligibility of the applicant will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants and their sponsor must be in the database and have a current military identification card.

"In past years, the essay has been a key factor in deciding among the many outstanding applicants,"

— Edna Hoogewing
Defense Commissary program liaison

In addition, all applicants must be attending or planning to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student during the fall of 2005.

According to Edna Hoogewind, DeCa program liaison, students should put an emphasis on the writing portion of the application.

"In past years, the essay has been a key factor in deciding among the many outstanding applicants," Ms. Hoogewind said.

To apply for the Officers' and Enlisted Spouses Association scholarship, the applicant must be a graduating high school senior or a spouse enrolled in graduate education or enrolled in undergraduate education of an active-duty or retired servicemember living in Pima county. Scholarships are also available to dependents of deceased servicemembers in Pima county.

The number of scholarships provided by the D-M Officers' and Enlisted Spouses' Association will depend on fund-raising activity results. Last year approximately \$20,000 in scholarships was presented. In addition, the amount awarded will vary based on eligible applications received.

Applications for this scholarship are available at both child development centers, the education office, the family support center, the enlisted club and at all local high schools.

This scholarship is awarded based on the whole person concept, said Dawn Isherwood, scholarship committee chairperson. Awards will be based on the applicant's grade point average, ACT and SAT scores, community service and activities the applicant is involved in, awards and honors they have received and an essay.

The essay portion of the application will be judged by five judges being provided by the education office, Mrs. Isherwood said.

There will be no differentiation between children and spouses and between officer and enlisted dependants, everyone will be judged on their own merit, Mrs. Isherwood said.

For more information about Scholarships for Military Children, visit www.militaryscholar.org. For more information about the Officers' and Enlisted Spouses Association scholarship, call Mrs. Isherwood at 745-1157 or send an e-mail to dmoscholarship@yahoo.com.

D-M hosts 2005 ACC Heritage Flight March 4 through 6

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

During a typical Air Combat Command air show, military aircraft often perform an aerial demonstration along side Heritage Flight civilians. The exhibition displays the variety of capabilities each aircraft has.

But this portion of an air show is not something pilots spontaneously decide to show the crowd, according to Lt. Col. Phil Fluhr, 355th Operations Support Squadron. In fact, it is something they must train for.

"The ACC single-ship demonstration teams and Heritage Flight civilians must train together once a year in order to receive the certification needed to perform in air shows during the year," said Colonel Fluhr, the installation project officer. "That training happens during the Heritage Flight Conference. The conference allows pilots to get together to learn about each other's aircraft capabilities for flying in formation."

March 4 through 6, Davis-Monthan will host this year's HFC so ACC Demo Teams and Heritage Flight pilots can receive their certification to fly together during the 2005 air show season.

"In 2001, D-M became the permanent host base for the Heritage Flight Conference," said Maj. Todd Daggett, ACC Aerial Events Branch chief. "The reasons are because of the good weather and be-



Courtesy photo

Airmen from the West Coast A-10 Demo Team await the demo pilot to de-plane after his performance during the 2004 Air Combat Command Heritage Flight. The 2005 ACC Heritage Flight will be held March 4 through 6.

cause D-M has proven in the past how well they can host the event."

However, while the location of the conference remains the same, Colonel Fluhr says the aircraft present may change.

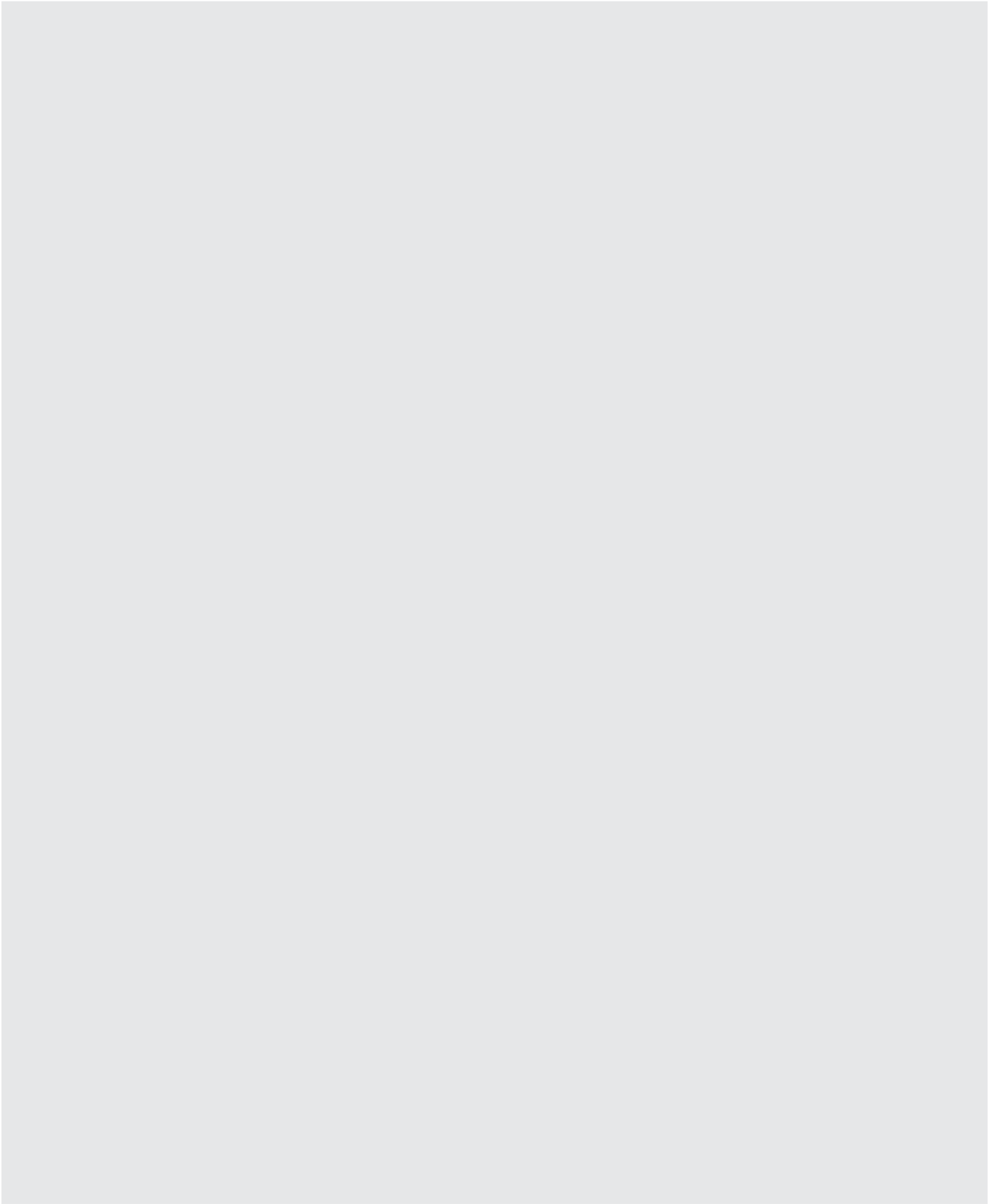
"Each year the make-up of aircraft varies slightly," Colonel Fluhr said. "It all depends on the availability of aircraft."

Participants during the 2005 HFC will include all six ACC single-ship Demonstration Teams, eleven currently certified and approved civilian

HF pilots, one newly selected civilian HF pilot and two active-duty F-4 pilots. The ACC single-ship Demonstration Teams include the West and East Coast A-10, F-15 and F-16 teams.

"This conference helps new pilots get trained and returning pilots get practice before the upcoming air shows," Major Daggett said. "It helps us make sure the pilots are safe and ready to fly."

The conference will be open to all personnel who have access to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.



Arizona laws impact dependents

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Dependents of military servicemembers are required by Arizona state law to comply with state vehicle regulations regardless of their spouse's active-duty status.

Some of the most common regulations overlooked is the need for dependents to acquire an Arizona license and vehicle registration.

"In all states including Arizona, driving is a privilege not a right," said Capt. Greg Jackson, 355th Wing chief of legal assistance. "When you move to a new state it is important to find out how the state's vehicle laws affect you."

Laws individuals should be aware of include:

- ◆ Active-duty military personnel who transfer to Arizona do not need to obtain an Arizona driver's license if they have a valid driver's license from

their home state or the District of Columbia.

- ◆ Active-duty servicemembers with vehicle registration that is current do not need to register their vehicle in Arizona.

- ◆ Military dependents are required to obtain an Arizona driver's license as soon as they become residents.

According to Arizona law, individuals are considered residents for the purpose of registration and operation of motor vehicles when they are:

- ◆ A person who remains in this state for a combined period of seven months or more in a calendar year.

- ◆ A person who engages in a trade, profession or occupation in this state or who accepts employment in other than seasonal agricultural work or temporary seasonal work for a period of not more than three months. This is unless the state in which the temporary seasonal worker is perma-

nently domiciled has a similar exception.

- ◆ A person who places children in a public school without payment of non-resident tuition.

- ◆ A person who declares they are a resident of this state for the purpose of obtaining resident rates, a state license or tuition fees at an educational institution maintained by public monies.

"Typically if a person is found violating (Motor Vehicle Division) laws, they might receive a warning," Captain Jackson said. "But for repeated or more serious offenses they can be fined and have their driving privileges revoked. For example, if a person repeatedly fails to change their license plate over to Arizona tags, the police can confiscate the vehicle's plates, effectively taking the vehicle off the road."

To avoid problems, dependents should update their licenses and reg-

istration within 30 days after arriving in Arizona.

If a military member and a spouse are jointly listed on the title they will have to pay the registration fee plus 50 percent of the vehicle license tax, Captain Jackson said. To avoid this tax, some members choose to transfer the title, making the member the sole owner of the vehicle.

"However, each couple should make this decision based entirely on the circumstances in their own marriage," Captain Jackson said. "I am not advising that couples make the military member the sole owner of their vehicles simply to avoid the Arizona vehicle registration tax."

A MVD office is located on Davis-Monthan at the corner of Fifth and Madera Street in Building 4300. The office is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on Arizona laws, visit www.dot.state.az.us.

Deployment

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The missions conducted by the 79th RQS Airmen ranged from transporting sick children to hospitals through performing three combat search and rescue missions for downed aircraft, said Major Kenneth Arcoleo, 79th RQS standardization and evaluation pilot.

While deployed, the area of responsibility for the 79th RQS Airmen was the entire country of Afghanistan. These Airmen performed missions in snow covered mountains and in tiny villages landing on small dirt runways. In addition, they worked with the Marines, Army, United Nations, Afghan nationals, civilians and more.

"A majority of our missions were aiding the Afghan military and civilians," Major Arcoleo said. "We transported people hurt by improvised explosive devices and those suffering from gun shot wounds."

In addition, these 'Desert Knights' transported several sick and injured Afghans. During one mission, a sick nine-month-old child was driven by a humvee six hours to a dirt landing strip to meet a 79th RQS HC-130 that was used to transport the child to an Army medical facility.

The child would have died from his infection if he was not able to receive medical attention, Major Arcoleo said.

Most of the patients transported were taken to Bagram Army Air Field north of Kabul, which had the most capable hospital in the country, Major Arcoleo said. "In addition, we had our own flight surgeon and paramedic who would do what ever it took to stabilize the patients during transportation."

The effort these deployed Airmen put forth did not go unnoticed by the Afghan locals.



Courtesy photo

Capt. Scott Zelasko and Tech. Sgt. Brian McAfee meet an HH-60 carrying the wounded crew of a HALO 42 that crashed in central Afghanistan while Airman 1st Class Kimberly Sweeney stands ready to accept the patients. All Airmen were deployed to Afghanistan from the 79th Rescue Squadron.

"You would be amazed how thankful the Afghan people were," Major Arcoleo said. "They were so happy someone was trying to help them, happy someone was going to take care of them."

In addition to working with the Afghan nationals and helping those in need get medical attention, the squadron broke multiple combat search and rescue records:

- ◆ The 79th RQS Airmen performed the first night vision goggle and instrument meteorological conditions pararescue team airdrops in combat;

- ◆ Their aircraft was used for the first combat rescue officer operational airdrop;

- ◆ Pararescue jumpers leapt from a 79th RQS HC-130 for the highest ever pararescue team combat freefall insertion, jumping into a 13,400 foot drop zone.

- ◆ They also performed the highest ever combat freefall equipment airdrops at over 14,300 feet, during a rescue mission supporting a downed United Nations helicopter

"To say the 79th RQS hit the ground running is an understatement," said Lt. Col. Jeff Taylor, 79th RQS operations officer. "From the moment we began our perfectly sustained 24-hours-a-day seven-days-a-week combat rescue alert coverage the team was ready to work. Dedicated aircrews completed an astounding 714.5 alert flying hours, executing their first launch within 12 hours of assuming alert status. None of this could have been accomplished without a perfect 100 percent alert launch rate sustained by our outstanding deployed maintenance Airmen."

Public notice

D-M releases draft FONSI for EA of removing objects along flightline

An environmental assessment of removing objects along flightline at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base has been prepared.

The 355th Wing is proposing to issue a finding of no significant impact based on this EA.

This means the analysis considered potential effects of several proposed alternatives on seven resource areas and no significant environmental effect was discovered.

The seven resource areas include air quality, geological resources, water resources, biological resources, hazardous materials and wastes management, and infrastructure and safety.

The results, as found in the EA, show that the proposed action would not have an adverse impact on the environ-

ment – indicating that a FONSI would be appropriate.

An environmental impact statement should not be necessary to implement the proposed action.

Copies of the draft FONSI and EA showing the analysis are available at 355th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight office for review.

Public comments on the draft FONSI and EA will be accepted through Feb. 27.

Written comments and inquiries on the FONSI and EA should be directed to Charles Miller, 355th CES/CEV, 5285 E. Madera Street, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., 85707-4927.

(Information courtesy of Sean McCain, Engineering-Environmental Management, Inc.)



Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

Securing the perimeter

(Left to right) Airman 1st Class James Park, Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Sadler, Tech. Sgt. Frederick Spano and Tech. Sgt. Carl Bryerton, 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, train on sweeping a house at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq Jan. 30. Sergeant Sadler prepares to enter first as Airman Park provides cover. All are assigned to the 355th Security Forces Squadron at Davis-Monthan.

Cherishing every moment

An Airman shares revelations found while serving in Baghdad

By Staff Sgt. Leonard Godfroy
355th Security Forces Squadron

The day began just like any other. The sky was a tapestry of wispy, white clouds with sand particles dancing in the air like sawdust from a carpenter's router. Nothing significant changed in my surroundings that would lead me to think today would be my reality check.

The same exhausted place served as the setting, the same tired and worn faces played the actors each with their assigned role in the script entitled "War."

I pride myself on not being lazy however even I had the mentality "It's just another monotonous day of work over here in Baghdad." But in a blink of the eye, all this came to an abrupt halt for me.

As I sat in my Highly Mobile Multi-wheeled Vehicle staring at the naked and neglected surroundings; I thought of the land I love and longed for. I thought of the sights and sounds of America.

I felt like a junkyard dog ready to sink its teeth into any assailant conducting illegal operations in the cover of darkness.

Examining my contribution to the war effort,

"What if this rocket had exploded? Would I still be here? What would have happened to me? What type of impact would it have on my comrades?"

Staff Sgt. Leonard Godfroy
355th Security Forces Squadron

a distinctive mechanical sound whistled by my left ear.

It swooshed by my head and a metal object struck the ground in repetitive skips creating sparks before coming to rest. The night air lit up as if there was a line of ants parading around with sparklers blazing. This object, whatever it was, landed some 30 meters from my vehicle.

Approaching the area I saw what appeared to be a rocket. I fell back to a safe location and notified the appropriate agencies.

An investigation confirmed the device was a 57mm rocket. Upon impact, the warhead of the

rocket dislodged and flew into a field adjacent to my location but never detonated.

As we conducted a sweep of the immediate area for the warhead, a slew of thoughts invaded my mind.

"What if this rocket had exploded? Would I still be here? What would have happened to me? What type of impact would it have on my comrades?"

Were these rational thoughts to have?

As night grew darker, my shift ended. I retired to my tent still in one piece. However, I had earned the nickname "Lucky" from my coworkers. At first this bothered me but I came to realize this was a badge of honor pinned on me by the closest thing to a family I had in this Godforsaken land.

In perspective, I now wake up everyday not to a mechanical ringing in my ear, but to an eternal heart beat. A heart beat which thunders away strongly.

I now look upon every sunrise to sunset with a whole new view. I appreciate cloudy days just as much as sunny days. I find a crow's caw as delightful as the sparrow's song.

In a time of ordeal I discovered a hidden divinity within and now cherish every moment.

Congratulations December 2004 CDC 90s Club

Congratulations to the following Airmen who went above and beyond and scored 90 or better on their Career Development Course exam in December 2004. Airmen studying for the CDCs must go through an intense study period that lasts for months. Airmen who take the CDCs are required to score no lower than 70 percent to pass. Passing the CDC exam is required for skill level advancement in most Air Force career fields.

25th Operational Weather Squadron: Airman Tiffany Vasso, Airman 1st Class Lisa Wullf; **355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Brandon Hillian, Airman Tyler Schuckman, Airman Jesse Tyson; **355th Civil Engineering Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Rommel Balingit, Airman 1st Class Austin Davis, Airman 1st Class Brian Pierce, Airman 1st Class Pha Vang; **355th Communication Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Eric Hahn, Airman Garrett Jones, Senior Airman Adolfo Willett; **355th Component Maintenance Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Christina Rosado; **355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Ronald James; **355th Medical Group:** Staff Sgt. Granette Augurson; **355th Medical Operations Squadron:** Senior Airman Esmat Sabbagh; **563rd Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Michael Lewis and **755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Christian Fix.

Final Answer

What are your Super Bowl plans for this year?



**Lt. Col.
Cassie Barlow**
355th Mission
Support Squadron

"I'll spend the day with Airmen watching the Super Bowl at the community center. I also want to watch Airmen play football Bingo."



**Staff Sgt.
Michael Corcoran**
355th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

"I'm planning on going to a buddy's house to play cards while we watch the Super Bowl."



**Senior Airman
Samuel Allen**
563rd Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

"I'm leaving for deployment, but I hope I have a chance to watch the Super Bowl."



**Staff Sgt.
Sonya King-Lewis**
12th Air Force

"I plan on studying for the Weighted Airman Promotion System test during the Super Bowl."



**Capt.
Betsy Jensen**
355th Wing

"We're planning to have a chili cook-off while we root for the New England Patriots to win the Super Bowl."



**Staff Sgt.
Gregory Jarvis**
355th Wing

"Even though I'm an Oakland Raiders fan, I'm planning to stay home and watch the Philadelphia Eagles win the Super Bowl."

(Editors note: Next week's Final Answer question is: "How do you help your fellow co-workers stay on task?" If you would like to submit an answer for an upcoming edition of the Final Answer column, or would like to give new ideas and suggestions for the Final Answer column, contact the Desert Airman staff at desert.airman@dm.af.mil or Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle at 228-5092.)

Helping others

People seek help from others around world

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

The tsunami hit more than a month ago, leaving many families homeless, injuring some and killing thousands.

According to unicef.com, three to five million people throughout the tsunami-affected region face fundamental health risks and challenges to their survival – at least one-third of them children. Many of the children affected by the tsunami are among the poorest in the world. Even before the tsunami, a significant percentage of children were malnourished and underweight, not immunized against childhood diseases and weakened by constant illness caused by unhygienic environments or poor-quality drinking water.

Since the tsunami took place, many people from various countries are seeking ways to help.

"I think it's very important for Americans who want to give to provide cash to organizations that will be able to focus resources and assets to meet specific needs," said President George W. Bush. "In other words, a lot of times Americans, in their desire to help, will send blankets or clothes. That may be necessary, but to me it



Courtesy photo

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan — An Air Force C-130 Hercules prepares for takeoff after being loaded with two aircraft pallets of packaged meals bound for South-east Asia as part of disaster relief following a 9.0-magnitude earthquake that struck Dec. 26.

makes more sense to send cash to organizations that could then use that cash to make sure we match resources with specific needs on the ground. There are many (non-government organizations) now involved that understand what is specifically needed to meet the needs of these countries."

"Since we are not able to collect money for organizations other than the (Combined Federal

Campaign), we can all send money to the organizations listed on usaid.gov," said Capt. Yvonne Johnson, 355th Wing point of contact for Tsunami relief. "Each donation to individual organizations will be distributed by the organization as they see fit. However, it is important to keep in mind that there will be a percentage of the donation that will go toward overhead and administrative costs. Review each organization's percentage to ensure the maximum amount will get to the people."

According to various aid organizations, many organizations are working to provide the following in struggling areas: food and safe water, immediate sanitary supplies, mental health counseling, healthcare and disease prevention and disaster preparedness and prevention measures.

"Just because this is no longer in the forefront of nightly news, it is still very much a problem," Captain Johnson said. "Cleanup and rebuilding, both physical and emotional, will take a long time. There is also a huge potential for vector-borne diseases to ravage the area, adding insult to injury."

For more information on where to donate, contact Captain Johnson at 228-1552.



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Airman 1st Class Jon Soto of the 563rd Operations Support Squadron. Airman Soto is an intelligence analyst. According to his superintendent, Master Sgt. Mike Smith, he was nominated for the spotlight because, "his unwavering dedication and professionalism has been nothing short of outstanding."

The following are Airman Soto's responses to a variety of questions.

Why did you join the Air Force: I joined to travel and get an education.

Main job responsibilities: I provide intelligence support to rescue personnel so that others may live.

Best aspects of the job: The best aspect is knowing people are coming back home because of the great people we have in rescue.

What is the best advice you have received in the Air Force? Don't chase awards and ribbons. Just do your job the best you can and they will come to you.

Your most memorable moment in the Air Force? In technical training I was on the Drill and Exhibition Team at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas and we performed for the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald Murray.

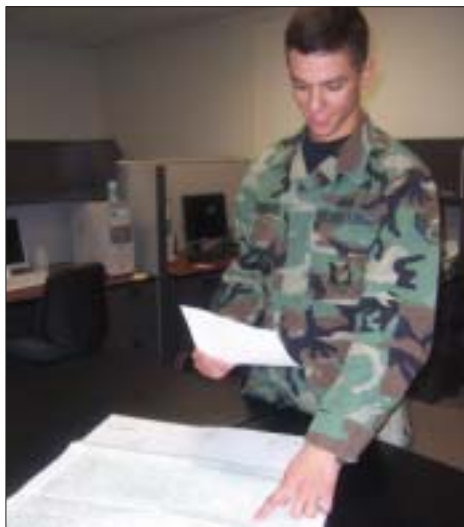


Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Name someone who inspires you (or that you admire) and why: I admire my mother because she is a single, a successful woman and made it through adversity, accomplishing her goals.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Super Bowl fun in dorms

The Defense Commissary Agency and Army Air Force Exchange Services joined the sponsorship team supporting the Underage Drinking Task Force Super Bowl party at the community center Sunday at 4 p.m. There will be free food, fun and "football bingo" with nearly \$1,000 worth of prizes up for the taking.

(Above) Airmen from the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron accept a check from Army Air Force Exchange and Defense Commissary Agency on behalf of the Underage Drinking Task Force Monday.



Courtesy photo

(Left) Nearly \$1,000 in prizes are up for grabs during the Underage Drinking Task Force Super Bowl party at the community center.

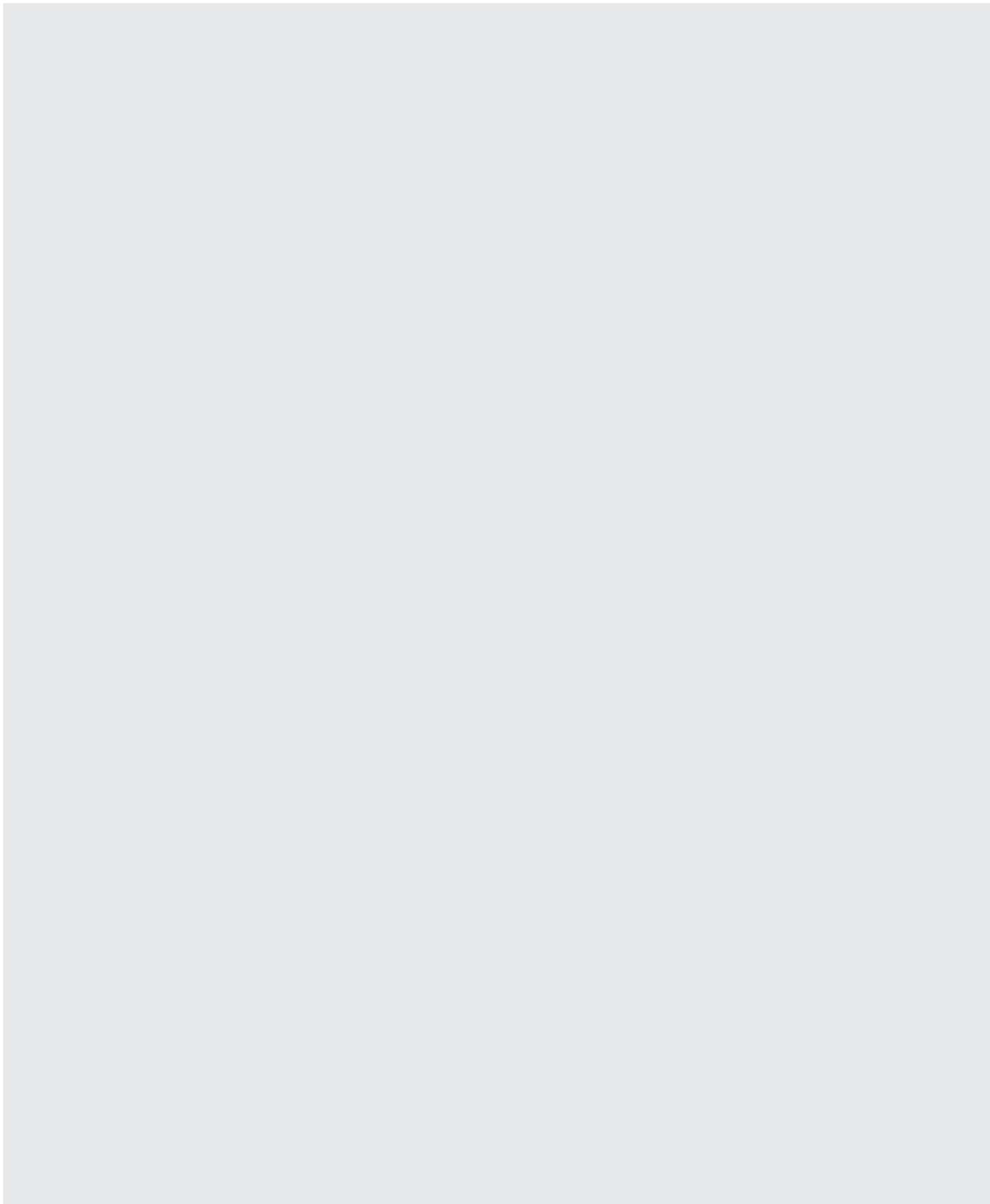




Photo illustration by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

(Right) Edward Marshal, a construction contractor, assembles shelving units for the new Base Exchange.

Sneakin' a peek

Davis-Monthan gets ready for new base exchange to open



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

(Above) Mike Errico, a construction contractor, puts exit devices on the new base exchange at Davis-Monthan to prevent people from entering through the exit doors.

Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

Over the past few months, the Desert Lightning community has looked on as construction contractors raise the new D-M base exchange.

The new building's size will increase from 68,000 square feet to about 186,000 square feet, said Darryl Porter, general manager of the BX.

The larger retail area of the BX will have wider aisles and will enable the Army and Air Force Exchange Service to expand the selection.

The BX will be able to expand its stock in every category and will also offer new brands, Mr. Porter said. The stock at the current BX is limited because of space constraints.

The new BX will have many additional features, including a 500-seat food court that will accommodate almost any appetite, Mr. Porter said.

The food court will have many of the restaurants featured in BXs at other Air Force bases. In addition, the new BX will feature a nail salon, a beauty salon, a gift shop, a larger barber shop with 12 chairs, the 355th Medical Group satellite pharmacy, an optical shop staffed by an optician, a dry cleaners, a laundry, a



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

David Back (left) and Danny Valdez (right), both construction contractors, search the map to find circuits on the north wall of the new base exchange.

shipping store, a coffee shop, a cellular phone store, a car rental agency, a newsstand and a larger military clothing sales store. It will also have a variety of roving concessions.

The opening of the BX has been delayed because of supply shortages in other parts of the world, Mr. Porter said.

The cost of the new facility was completely subsidized by the AAFES, who runs the BX, Mr. Porter said.

Honoring Black History Month

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command
Public Affairs

Across

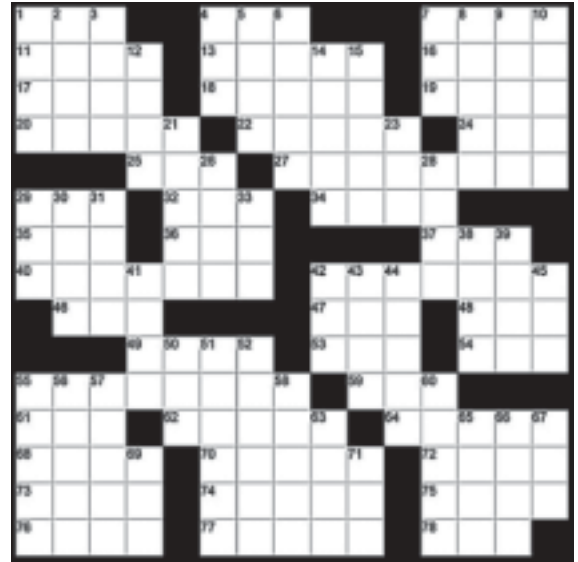
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4. Perform
7. Hand part
11. British river
13. Solomon's wife
16. Away from the wind
17. Singer McEntire
18. Grey ___ mustard
19. First African-American U.S. Poet Laureate
20. Cube
22. Writer a.a. ___
24. Smack
25. Questionable pause?
27. African-American abolitionist, author
29. ___ Tai drink
32. Traitor
34. ___ gin fizz
35. Hotel
36. In the manner of
37. Formerly
40. African-American poet Maya
42. 3X African-American

- gold medalist Wilma
46. Hearing aid?
47. Bullring cheer
48. Confederate general
49. First African-American Wimbledon winner
53. Compass point
54. USAF deployment cycle
55. First African-American Supreme Court justice
59. Commotion
61. Pub order
62. Bombeck and others
64. Expiration
68. African-American civil rights activist
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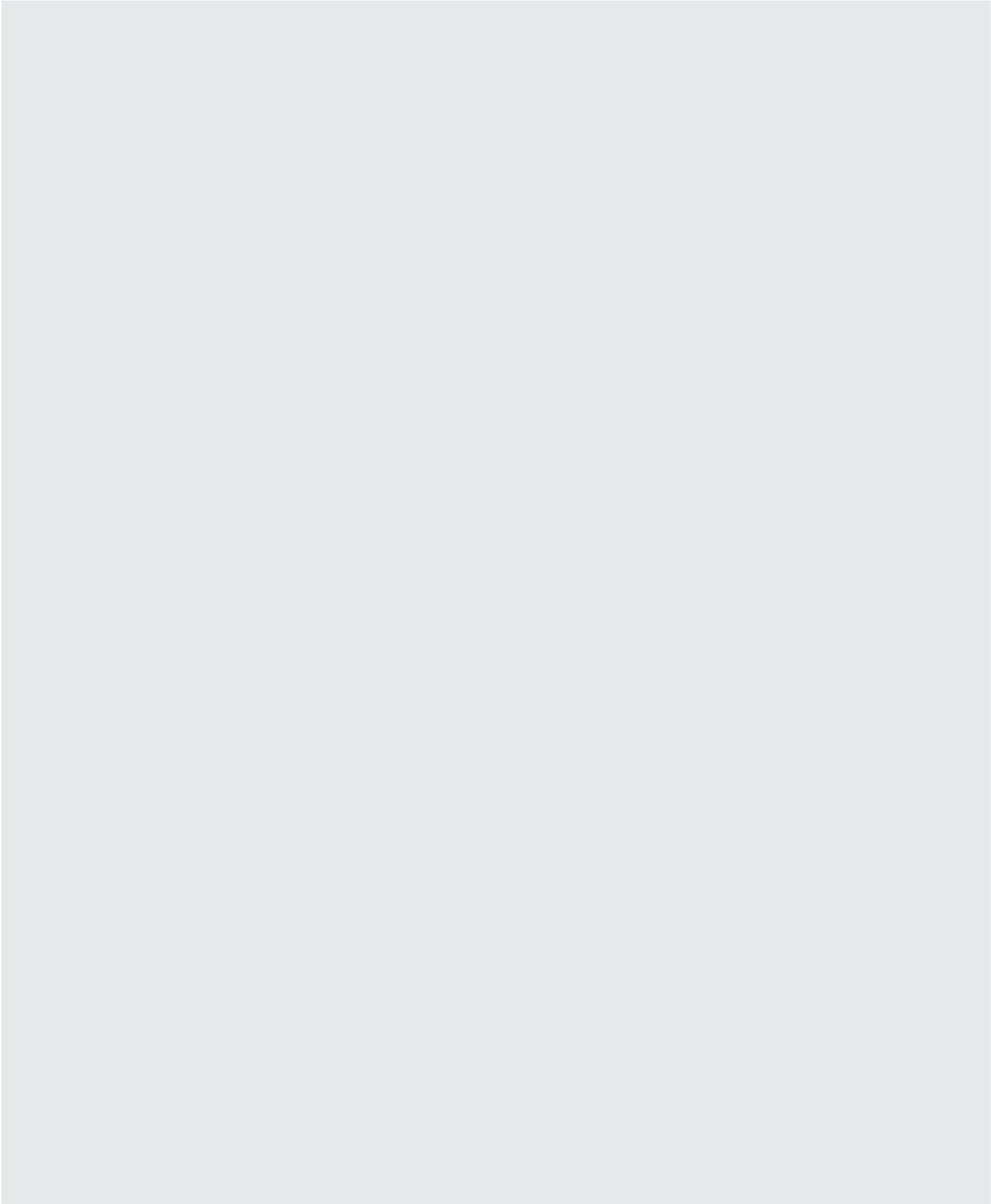
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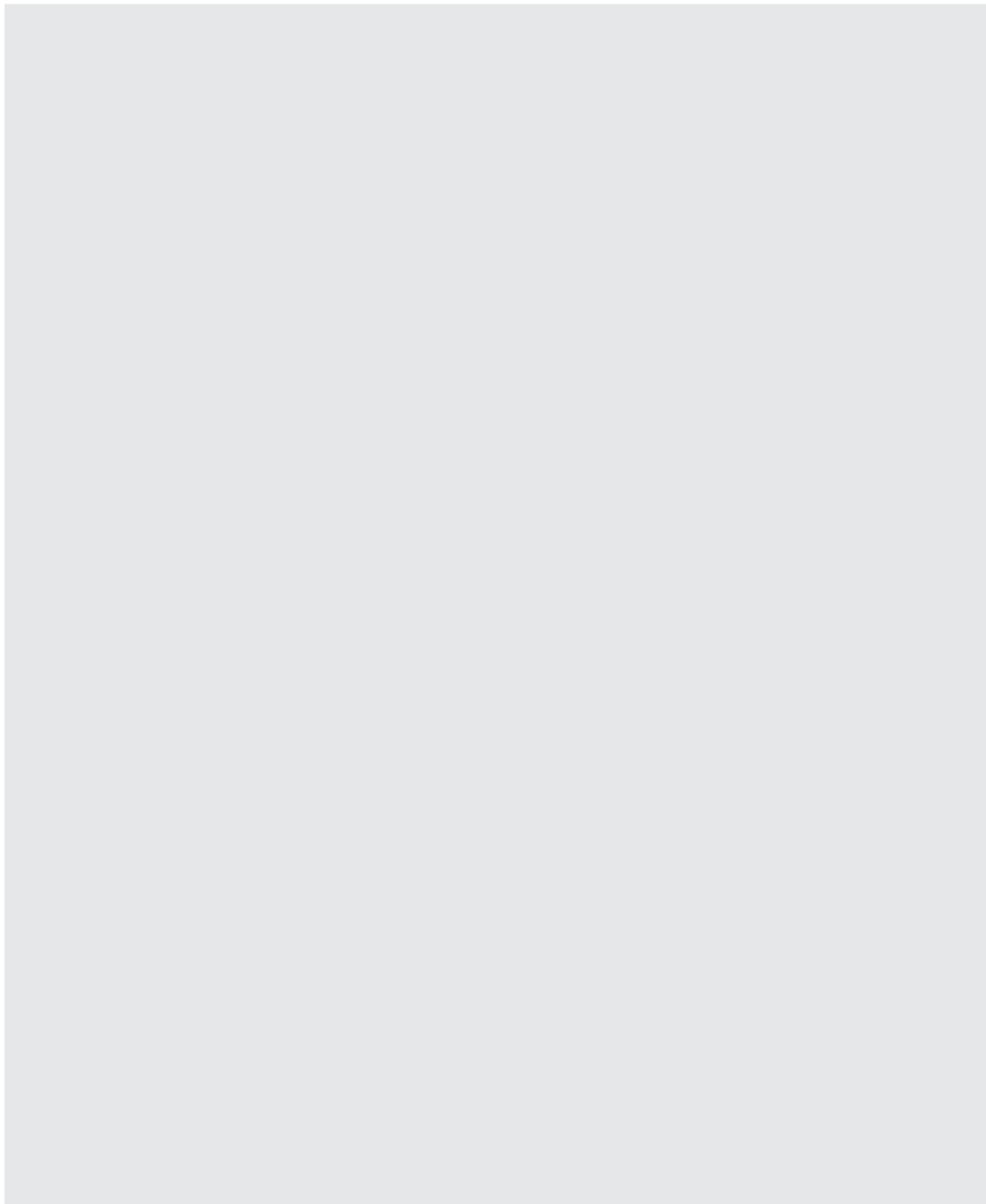
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6. Lukewarm
7. Bachelor's place
8. Hawaiian greeting
9. Jean maker
10. Greets
12. ___ Bridges
14. Knives
15. Cancel
21. Painting
23. Self
26. Angel's head gear
28. Talk show host
29. Military status, sometimes
30. Famous Frank
31. Fox Sport reporter Hammond
33. 19th letter of the Greek alphabet
38. African-American jazz singer Fitzgerald
39. Fencing sword
41. Periods
42. Director Howard
43. Arm bone
44. Titles
45. Playboy founder, informally
50. Female identifier?



(Solutions for this puzzle are located on Page 27.)

51. First woman African-American ambassador
52. Mark Twain's NY burial spot
55. Creates
56. Similar
57. Actress Zellweger
58. Coat part
60. 1936 African-American 4X gold medalist
63. Emitted
65. Flightless birds
66. Hurts
67. MTV show
69. Fuel
71. Marina del ___





Class offers chance for peace of mind

Story and photo by Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

For anyone in the Desert Lightning community who has trouble sleeping at night, has neck and shoulder tension, worries or avoids things, has a nagging idea they may not be living to their full potential or who just wants to find a way to tone and strengthen their body from top to bottom, the answer may be found right on Davis-Monthan.

The Haeffner Fitness Center offers a Yoga class Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. This on-base class can offer students ways to combat issues which may be affecting their health including physical as well as emotional issues, said to Lisa Layera, D-M's certified Yoga teacher.

"At least 4,000 years old, Yoga is a scientific system of exercise that has long been used to promote and maintain physical and mental health, flexibility and youthfulness," Ms. Layera said. "Yoga literally means the union of body and mind. Combining physical postures and breathing, Yoga is a safe and effective way to calibrate the body and mind."

Considered a safe form of exercise, Yoga is open to a wide range of students.

"The beauty of Yoga is that it is accessible to anyone because it is adaptable to everyone," Ms. Layera said. "It is possible to modify the poses according to people's abilities and physical limitations. The poses may not look the same for a 65-year-old versus a 25-year-old, but the effects of the pose will be the same."

However, in order to ensure individuals obtain as much as possible from Yoga, Ms. Layera said it is imperative students inform their teacher of any physical issues which may affect their practice.

"Please inform the teacher of any spinal conditions, joint injuries, pregnancies or recent births, eye conditions, low or high blood pressure, anxiety or stress," Ms. Layera said.



Lisa Layera, D-M Yoga teacher, demonstrates a move for the base class, held at the Haeffner Fitness Center.

Among others, one student in the class has witnessed several physical changes since beginning the class.

"Due to a doctor's recommendation, and because I wanted to improve myself, I started participating in the D-M Yoga class about four months ago," said Gabriele Church, 355th Services Squadron recreation assistant. "In that time, I have not only regained the use of my right shoulder, but I feel like I can now work through stressful situations much easier. In addition, my breathing has improved dramatically and so has my outlook on life."

Mrs. Church attributes her physical changes to the lessons she has learned during Yoga.

"The class has taught me how to relax," Mrs. Church said. "It has also taught me to learn how to breathe in a way to bring energy to my shoulder, the region of my body that bothered me before."

Mrs. Church says she plans on continuing her Yoga practice and encourages others in the D-M community to give it a try.

"The teacher is extremely pleasant and personable," Mrs. Church said. "She encourages students in a way to help them excel. The class is offered at just the right time so people who work don't have to rush to class and the cost is extremely reasonable compared to having to pay four to five times the cost outside the gate."

According to the staff at the Fitness and Sports Center, the cost of \$2 for the class helps the base off-set the cost of the instructor.

For those interested in attending the on-base Yoga class, supplies needed to get started are minimal. Yoga is typically practiced in bare feet, but Mrs. Layera said anyone who is uncomfortable with that is welcome to leave their socks on.

"Classes begin with deep breathing and move through many physical postures which balance and stimulate all the body systems," Ms. Layera said. "All exercises are performed while on a 'sticky mat' or big beach towel. D-M has graciously supplied Yoga mats for the D-M Yoga class. However, I encourage students to purchase their own mat if they come regularly."

"At times, a wall is used to practice more complicated balance poses or to experience correct alignment," Ms. Layera said. "Classes always end with sivasana, a resting pose which removes fatigue, integrates the work done and quiets the mind. D-M students should leave Yoga class refreshed, focused and calm. Some may experience an energizing feeling while others may finally feel relaxed and less agitated."

But, Ms. Layera said the effects of Yoga can stretch beyond the end of class.

"My teacher describes Yoga as being able to do something today you couldn't do yesterday," Ms. Layera said. "Yoga really begins to allow students an opportunity to explore putting themselves in challenging situations to see what their reaction is. For some students the challenge is a difficult physical posture. For others, it is trying to relax. Research has shown that within a four to six week period of regular practice, both physiological and psychological improvements are noted."

Fitness Center Classes

The following list includes classes offered at both fitness centers with class fees if applicable. For more information, call 228-0021.

Monday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - Fitness Center
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - FC

Tuesday

Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Shallow Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - FC
6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month - FC

Wednesday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - Haeffner
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Deep Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - FC

Thursday

Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Shallow Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - Haeffner
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - FC

Friday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Deep Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner
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6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) FC
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - FC

Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC

Sunday

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC

Fitness and Sports Center Pool

The indoor pool is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 228-0015.

Outdoor Recreational Pool

The outdoor pool will close Sunday until May 1. Lap swimmers are welcome to use the Fitness and Sports Center's Pool. For more information, call 228-0015.

Sports Shorts

Super Bowl Party at club

The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club will host a Super Bowl party Sunday. There will be prizes, snacks, drink specials, hundreds of dollars in giveaways and a Super Bowl Buffet. The club will also announce the winners of the grand prize Jeep Wrangler, deluxe barbecue gas grill and X-Box game. The Super Bowl buffet will feature barbecue brisket, chicken, baked beans, potato salad and corn muffins. Entry is free for members and one guest, non-members pay \$5. The cost of the buffet is \$6.95 for children and adults. In addition, member's receive a \$1 discount plus the use of a Services Buck. Doors open at 3 p.m. The drawings for grand prizes will be from Football Frenzy entries submitted during 2004 Monday Night games.

There will be no Sunday Brunch offered this week. For more information, call 228-3100.

Umpires needed

The Pantano Little League is seeking individuals interested in

being volunteer umpires. The job entails learning the rules of little league and attending training clinics for the position of umpire. The training includes mechanics and rule interpretation. Games begin in April. All volunteers must complete the volunteer application form available at http://eteamz.active.com/pantano_littleleague. For more information, call 722-0474 or e-mail respectthegame@earthlink.net.

Roadrunner Little League

The D-M Youth Center will hold baseball registrations for the 2005 Roadrunner Little League baseball season Feb. 12, 19 and 26 from noon to 2 p.m. Birth certificates and annual physical cards are required. Registration costs are \$30 for ages 5 to 8 years and \$50 for ages 9 to 15 years for YC members or \$55 for nonmembers. For more information, call 228-8844 or 228-8365.

Coaches needed

Highly motivated volunteers are needed to fill positions of Little League baseball managers, coaches and umpires. All coaches training is provided through the National Youth Sport Coaches Association.

Umpires are trained by Little League Certified umpire staff, including rules interpretation and field mechanics. For more information contact the D-M Youth Center at 228-8844 or 228-8365.

Free Throw Championship

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Free Throw Championship Feb. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Fitness and Sports Center. The Championship is open to boys and girls who were 10 to 14 years old as of Jan. 1. Rules and entry forms are available at these base facilities: chapel, fitness centers, youth center and Borman and Smith Elementary schools. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Nick Barana at 228-2885.

8-Ball Tournament

There will be an 8-Ball Tournament Feb. 26 in the D-M dorms from 7 p.m. to midnight. Individuals and partners are welcome to participate. Top finishers will receive prizes. To sign up, contact a dorm president. For more information, send an e-mail to Capt. Caronwyn Jones at caronwyn.jones@dm.af.mil.

Basketball

Monday/Wednesday under 30

Team	W-L-T
355 AMXS 1	4-0-0
755 AMXS	4-1-0
CES	3-1-0
ANG	3-1-0
ARMY	2-2-0
563 MXS 1	2-3-0
755 OSS	1-3-0
41 ECS	1-3-0
EMS	0-6-0

Monday/Wednesday over 30

Med Gp	5-0-0
755 AMXS	4-1-0
355 AMXS	2-2-0
CMS	1-4-0
LRS	0-5-0

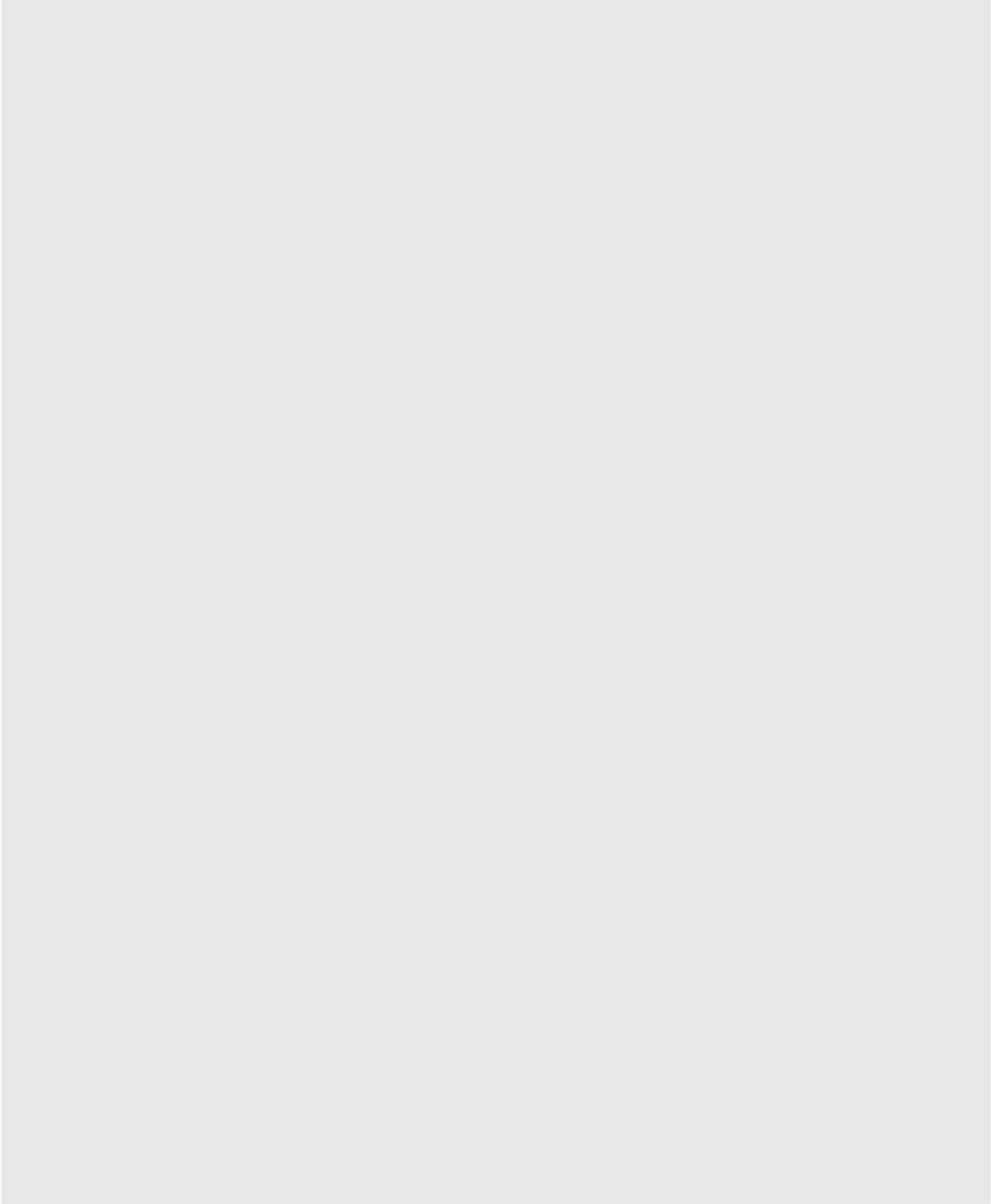
Tuesday/Thursday under 30

CMS	5-0-0
SVS	3-0-0
SFS	4-1-0
LRS	2-2-0
355 AMXS 2	2-2-0
355 OSS	2-2-0
Med Gp	2-3-0
DECA	0-2-0
563 MXS 2	0-4-0
CS	0-4-0

Tuesday/Thursday over 30

SVS	6-0-0
CONS	3-3-0
CPTS	2-4-0
CS	1-5-0

(Editor's Note: List current as of Monday)



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass is followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Education Services

Commissioning briefings

The first commissioning briefing in February will be Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. and will cover Basic Officer Training/Air Force Academy Programs. The second briefing will be Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. and will cover the Reserve Officer Training Corps and medical programs. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Engineering degree program

The Master of Engineering Partnership is offering a Master's in Engineering through three universities: University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University or Arizona State University. It is a practice-oriented, focused degree with a flexible format via the Web, video, CD-Rom, on campus or in any combination. There is no residency requirement and courses may be taken from any of the three universities. Register now for Spring courses at www.oneflexibledegree.com. The point of contact is Kathleen Gonzalez-Landis at 626-5241.

Officer PME testing

Squadron Officer School Course 00028 and Air Command and Staff College versions 3.2 and 4.0 can now be taken via electronic testing. Tests are scored as soon as they are completed. Test scores are transmitted to Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning for loading to the official database. Students are asked to specify their preference when scheduling for testing. They may test on the next course no earlier than seven days after the last test. This will allow AFIADL to update the database. Retests can be taken three days after taking the test. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812 or Marie Hanna at 228-0669.

Pima Community College

Students can now register for Spring Term II

at Pima Community College. Class schedules are available in the Pima office in Building 3200, Room 224 or by calling 206-4866 for more information. Class SPE110, public speaking, has been added on-base. The course meets Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. The graduation application deadline is Feb. 23 for the May 2005 graduation.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation Counseling

This class will take place at the D-M Family Support Center Tuesday and Feb. 15 from 9 to 10 a.m. This mandatory class will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help them transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign-up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Sponsorship Training

To learn how to make a great first impression on new members assigned to base, attend the Family Support Center Sponsorship Class Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. This class is required for sponsors, covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Hearts Apart Welcome Home banners

Come join the Hearts Apart Group Feb. 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Hope Chapel to make

a banner to welcome home spouses from their deployment. Pizza, refreshments and supplies will be furnished. However, participants must be registered with Hearts Apart to attend. For reservations, call 228-5690 no later than Feb. 14.

Happenings

"The Cisco Kid"

Today is the deadline to get tickets to the D-M Volunteer Program's event at the Gas Light Theater Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. The Gas Light Theater will present 'The Cisco Kid,' a musical melodrama. Doors will open at 2:15 p.m. and tickets are \$20 each. All proceeds from the show will benefit the D-M Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet. During the event, \$300 in door prizes will be given away. For information regarding the event, call 228-5690.

Tucson Gem and Mineral Show

Active-duty servicemembers and their family will receive free admission to the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show Feb. 12 at the Tucson Convention Center. E-mail suesjones@wans.net for more information.

Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting will take place March 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Desert Lightning Community Center. Some of the topics to be discussed include housing renovation and privatization, safety and more. Associated base agencies will answer questions. For more information, call Carol Mares at 228-6609.

D-M Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon with consignments closing at 11:30 a.m. There will be a \$3 bag sale. The D-M Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across the street from the bowling alley, is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments closing at 1 p.m.

Movies

Admission is for Department of Defense ID card holders and their guests only. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.

Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events, PG — This is the story of the Baudelaire children, three young orphans looking for a new home, who are taken in by a series of odd relatives and other people. Violet is the oldest of the Baudelaire children at 14, and is known as a fast-thinking leader. The middle child, Klaus, is 12 and is considered to be very intelligent. The youngest is infant Sunny, who has a tendency to bite. *1 hour; 53 minutes*



Sunday at 7 p.m.

Spanglish, PG-13 — Cultures collide as Flor, referred to as a beautiful Mexican woman, and her twelve-year-old daughter move in with an affluent Los Angeles family, included characters played by Adam Sandler, Téa Leoni and Cloris Leachman. Of all the horrors Flor imagined about this new culture, she never fathomed the peril of being truly embraced by an upscale American family. *2 hours, 9 minutes*

Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact him at 228-7352.

NAF property sale

The 355th Services Squadron will host a squadron nonappropriated fund property sale March 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will be held on the road along the fence at Bama Park. Customer parking will be in the parking lot between Bama Park and the soccer field behind the D-M Skills Development Center. For more information, call 228-4385.

ACC Dollar Days dinner

All club members and their family members are invited to another Air Combat Command Dollar Days family dinner at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a buffet dinner for \$1. During ACC Dollar Days events, members are treated to \$1 lunches and family nights quarterly. The ACC Dollar Days are "all ranks" events. Dollar Days is an ACC supplement program to the Air Force level "Members First" program. With "Members First," club members receive discounts on food purchases and special functions, including holiday buffets and dinners, and on all pro-rated special functions. Members even save 10 percent on all personal functions booked at the club including weddings and birthdays. There is also a special program that provides discounts of 15 to 30 percent at more than 4,000 hotels nationwide. All the more reason to become a member.

Not a member but would like to start enjoying great benefits today? Simply fill out an application available at every Dollar Days event and become a member instantly. Individuals who sign up will also pick up \$10 (for enlisted) or \$15 (for officers) in Services Bucks when they join and will instantly become eligible for dozens of other club benefits, promotions and prizes. For more information, call 228-3100.

Children's workshop

The Davis-Monthan Arts and Crafts Center hosts a children's workshop that covers a variety of arts and crafts projects. This month's class is Feb. 26 from noon to 1:30 p.m. and features children making clay pot totem poles. The cost is \$6, which includes supplies. For more information, call 228-4385.

Framing classes

In just two classes, individuals can learn how to cut and join their own frames, size and cut the mats and glass and assemble a finished frame. The cost of \$20 for the classes includes supplies. The next set of classes is Feb. 17 and 24 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 228-4385.

Arizona Renaissance Festival

Information, Tickets and Travel has trips to the Arizona Renaissance Festival Feb. 19 and March 20. Explore a bustling artisan marketplace, mingle and interact with nearly 2,000 costumed characters or savor fine fare. Fest-goers can enjoy 12 stages of music, comedy



Photo by Chris Sweeney

Sue Harris and Tracy Dusablon, both with the 355th Services Squadron, arrange a custom Valentine's Day gift basket at the Davis-Monthan Arts and Crafts Center. The basket is just one of the gifts at the center the members from the D-M community can purchase to surprise their loved ones this Valentine's Day. Customers are invited to bring in their own gifts and the staff will arrange them in a basket.

D-M offers Valentine's Day gifts

The gift shop in the Davis-Monthan Arts and Crafts Center has a variety of gifts for Valentine's Day. They make an array of baskets including the 'Perfect Date' basket which contains sparkling cider, glasses, a candle, plates, cheese, crackers and other items needed for a picnic. 'The Spa' basket contains bath salts, body lotion, a bath pillow, a candle and massage lotion. The cost of the baskets start at \$10 and go up. Delivery is free on base for orders of Valentine's Day merchandise over \$15. Customers are encouraged to shop early for the best selection. While at the center, customers are invited to check out the other selections of all occasion gifts including silk flower arrangements, coffee mugs and unique custom gift baskets. The D-M Arts and Crafts Center will be open Feb. 14 for Valentine's Day sales from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 228-4385.

The Desert Lightning Community Center's Fifth Street Balloon Shop has more than 18 different balloon bouquets and gift packages available for Valentine's Day. Gifts range in price from \$7.75 to \$31.25 and contain a variety of new items to compliment each gift package including balloons, treats, mugs, stuffed animals, dolls, candy and much more. Order a pre-made package or create a unique gift. This year's early bird special is for the first 50 customers who place and pay for their order; they will receive a free \$5 lunch coupon for Stormy's Cafe. Deliveries are available on base for \$2. Deliveries will be made Feb. 14. Squadron deliveries will be from 8 a.m. to noon and deliveries to base housing residents will be from noon to 2 p.m. Those who are interested in placing an order are encouraged to order early for best gift selections. For more information, call 228-3500 or 228-3717.

shows, demonstrations and a 4,500-seat arena for jousting tournaments and more. The cost of \$27 includes transportation and entry into the festival. To sign up for the February trip, call 228-3736 no later than Feb. 11. To sign up for the March trip, call the number listed above no later than March 11.

Nogales Shopping Trip

Information, Tickets and Travel offers a shopping trip to Nogales March 12. Nogales is considered a festive Mexican marketplace and a shopper's paradise. Participants must have proof of U.S. citizenship to cross the border. The cost of \$15 includes transportation. To sign up by March 4, call 228-3736.

Teen Aviation Camp

Applications for the Teen Aviation Camp are due to the Davis-Monthan Youth Center no later than Feb. 11. An interview will be set up the following week. This camp is for teens who will be sophomores or juniors during the 2005 to

2006 school year. The camp runs from June 4 through 8 at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado. For more information regarding the camp, call 228-8373.

Performing Arts Camp

The Air Force is offering the Nell Buckley Youth Performing Arts camp for youth between the ages of 14 and 18 years with a passion for the performing arts. Camp dates are June 5 through 11 or July 24 through 30. Participants will be selected based on their application and audition tape. Participants must be 14 years old by July 1 and not older than 18 years. The Camp is located at Seeley Lake near Missoula, Mont. Campers will participate in one full week of voice, acting and dance classes, as well as waterfront activities such as swimming, boating, art, crafts and campfires. Applications and audition tapes must be submitted no later than Thursday to the Davis-Monthan Youth Center. For more information regarding an application, call 228-8844.

